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- 1. ECON/COM MINISTER TOOK ADVANTAGE OF DINNER HOSTED BY STATE SECRETARY HERMES FOR SENATOR RIBICOFF EVENING OF AUGUST 28. TO INOUIRE WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY FOLLOWUP ON THE CHARGE'S APPROACH ON EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT. HERMES SAID THAT THE CONTENTS OF OUR APPROACH HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE CHANCELLERY FOR CONSIDERATION, BUT FEIGNED TO KNOW NOTHING ELSE ABOUT THE MATTER. THE SUBJECT WAS ALSO RAISED DURING DINNER WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEBER, FINMIN. WHILE AWARE OF CHARGE'S APPROACH, HE ALSO CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF RECENT GOVERNMENTAL CONSIDERATION.
- 2. DURING RIBICOFF'S MEETING FOLLOWING DAY (AUGUST 29) WITH HISS, CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER TO CHANCELLOR, CONFIDENTIAL

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ECON/COM MINISTER AGAIN RAISED THE QUESTION IMPRESSING

ON HISS URGENCY OF MATTER. HISS WAS UNAWARE OF CHARGE'S APPROACH, AND AT HIS REQUEST WE SENT HIM SUMMARY OF CHARGE'S REPRESENTATION. HISS SAID THAT QUESTION WAS INDEED BEING GIVEN HIGH-LEVEL CONSIDERATION, BUT THAT SOMETHING FURTHER WAS REQUIRED FROM THE FONMIN BEFORE DECISION COULD BE REACHED.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT IS BEING HANDLED AT THE VERY HIGHEST LEVELS BETWEEN THE CHANCELLOR AND VARIOUS MINISTERS. INFORMATION ELICITED FROM KOLLATZ REPORTED IN REFTEL IS ,HOWEVER, ONLY REAL, CONCRETE INFO THAT HAS YET COME TO LIGHT. CASH

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